The appointment of George V. Allen as president of The Tobacco Institute, Inc., was reported by the wire services, in all New York and Washington papers, in leading newspapers elsewhere and by radio and television.

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Allen Quits as Head Of Information Unit

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AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 11—The resignation of George V. Allen as director of the United States Information Agency headed a list of departures from the Federal service announced by the White House office here today.

The White House also announced that the first meeting between the Assistant to the President, Wilton B. Persons, and Clark Clifford, representing President-elect John F. Kennedy, would be held at the White House Monday morning.

Suggested by President Eisenhower, the conference is intended to define the scope of participation by Mr. Kennedy's associates in top-level policy discussions during the interim before the Kennedy inauguration Jan. 20.

Other resignations approved

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by the President—the beginning of an expected rising tide as the Presidential term nears an end—included the following:

Assistant Secretary of Labor Newell C. Brown, who is to become manager of administrative services and labor relations of the Emhart Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Conn.

Ambassador to Mexico Robert Hill, who notified the President that he planned to return to his home at Littleton, N. H., to assume his membership in the Legislature to which he was recently elected.

Ambassador to Ghana Wilson C. Flake, whose letter of resignation to the President gave no reason for his decision to quit except that he had held that post for the last three-and-a-half years.

Gets Tobacco Post

Mr. Allen who has directed the operations of the nation's overseas propaganda during the last three years said his decision to leave that post was dictated by an opportunity to become president of the Tobacco Institute, Inc.

The institute is composed of manufacturers of cigarettes, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco and snuff. Its principle purposes are promoting a better understanding of the tobacco industry and its place in the national economy.

In his letter accepting Mr. Allen's resignation, President Eisenhower expressed his "appreciation of the effort you have devoted to bringing the vital work of the agency to the highest possible effectiveness."

Mr. Allen's resignation rounded out thirty years in the Foreign Service during which he served as an Assistant Secretary of State and as Ambassador to India and Greece.

The information agency has never been a favorite in Congress and has frequently come under heavy fire of House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Much of this criticism has stemmed from the fact that members of Congress have never been in agreement as to what the proper function of the agency should be or how far it should go in discharging its job of informing people abroad about the United States.

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LEAVING GOVERNMENT: George V. Allen, head of U. S. Information Agency.

However, Mr. Allen has had much less difficulty with Congress than his predecessors, presumably because of his long experience in the Foreign Service. The President's estimate of Mr. Allen's service of head of the information agency and of its continuing task was expressed in his letter accepting his resignation.

Thanks Are Expressed

"The task of projecting abroad information concerning America is of the most profound importance to your great objectives of peace with justice, freedom and dignity," President Eisenhower wrote Mr. Allen. He added:

"At the same time, I express our nation's gratitude to you for your long and valuable service as an officer of the Foreign Service, recognized in your attainment of the highest rank in that service."

Mr. Allen asked that his resignation become effective at the President's pleasure and he put the date at Dec 1.

It was learned that the President had no intention of naming a successor to Mr. Allen, preferring to leave that to the incoming Kennedy Administration.

In announcing the resignation of Mr. Brown as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Manpower, James C. Hagerty, the White House press secretary, said he had given as his reason for quitting that he had been "offered an opportunity in private employment which is highly attractive to him and which could not wait." He added that "he has five children."

The President fixed Monday as the effective date of Mr. Brown's resignation.

Expresses Appreciation

No date was set for the resignation of Mr. Hill as Ambassador to Mexico. In his letter of acceptance of the resignation President Eisenhower told Mr. Hill:

"Your untiring efforts during the eight years you have served our country as Ambassador to Costa Rica, El Salvador and Mexico has meant much to the progress that has been made in our relations with these countries.

"You have done an excellent job and should take much satisfaction in the knowledge that what you have accomplished will continue."

Mr. Flake, the retiring Ambassador to Ghana, has been under some criticism in the State Department and from some other United States officials returning from that country because of the increasing influence of the Soviet Union there.

The text of the President's letter to Mr. Flake was not made public. But the press secretary paraphrased it as saying that "he had rendered distinguished service as Ambassador and that Mr. Flake could take satisfaction in the knowledge that the contribution he has made to the country's relations with Ghana will be of lasting value."

No date was fixed for Mr. Flake's retirement. It was announced, however, that he would be succeeded by Francis H. Russell of Maine, a career Foreign Service officer now serving as Ambassador to New Zealand. Mr. Russell is 56 years old and his appointment will be his second assignment as Ambassador.

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